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- 1 31. A method of affecting an alerting signal of a telephone handset, comprising the  
2 steps of:  
3 sensing a condition related to a location of the handset; and  
4 affecting a characteristic of the alerting signal based on the sensed condition,  
5 wherein the location is sensed relative to a corresponding base unit.

**Replacement Claim 33:**

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- 1 33. A method of affecting an alerting signal of a telephone handset, comprising the  
2 steps of:  
3 sensing a condition related to a location of the handset; and  
4 affecting a characteristic of the alerting signal based on the sensed condition,  
5 wherein the characteristic is one of duration, volume and tonal quality.

**Replacement Claim 34:**

- 6 34. A method of affecting an alerting signal of a telephone handset, comprising the  
7 steps of:  
8 sensing a condition related to a location of the handset; and  
9 affecting a characteristic of the alerting signal based on the sensed condition,  
10 wherein the condition is a received signal strength indication.

**Replacement Claim 35:**

- 1 35. A method as recited in claim 34, wherein the condition is a received signal  
2 strength indication related to a signal from the wireless transceiver.

**Replacement Claim 39:**

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- 1 39. A method as recited in claim 23, wherein the condition is a signal delay  
2 measurement related to a signal from a wireless transceiver.

**Replacement Claim 42:**

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- 1 42. A method of affecting an alerting signal of a telephone handset, comprising the  
2 steps of:  
3 sensing a condition related to a location of the handset; and